

# TEXAS HISTORICAL COMMISSION

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## **Design Guidelines & Standards CHECKLIST**

*The list below outlines suggested topics to cover in any set of design guidelines or standards.*

### **Introduction - Include explanations for:**

- Who uses the Guidelines
- How to use the Guidelines
- Design Review System
- Why Preserve Historic Properties?
- Enabling Ordinance and other Policies
- Zoning vs. Guidelines
- Guidelines vs. Standards
- History / Development of Community

### **Building Form**

- Massing
- Height
- Scale
- Edge Alignments
- Rhythm of Solid to Voids
- Horizontal and Vertical Organization
- Location and Treatment of Entryways

### **Building Elements**

- Exterior Walls
- Roofs
- Windows / Doors
- Storefronts
- Porches / Balconies
- Awnings / Canopies
- Signage
- Lighting
- Mechanical Equipment

### **Materials**

- General Maintenance
- Links to Repair Guides
- Brick
- Stone
- Wood
- Metal
- Glass
- Terra Cotta
- Stucco / Plaster

### **Site Work & Outdoor Amenities**

- Landscaping
- Lighting
- Benches / Seating
- Fencing
- Sidewalks / Driveways

### **Additions & New Construction**

- Massing & Form
- Orientation
- Set-backs
- Height
- Design and Style
- Materials and Textures
- Location of Additions

### **Other**

- Sustainability
- Energy Efficiency
- Parklets
- Murals
- Parking
- Service Areas
- Outbuildings
- Etc.

### **Appendices**

- Glossary of Terms
- Map of Historic Districts



